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Mr. Valdus Adamkus
Regional Administrator,
Environmental Protection Agency
230 S. Dearborn
Chicago, Ill. 60604

Re: A-CHEM Super Fund Clean-up, 1322 N. Western Ave.

Dear Mr. Adamkus:

I am writing to officially request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency conduct appropriate tests, including soil tests, in the neighborhood adjacent to The A-CHEM plant at 1318 N. Western Ave., Chicago, Illinois to determine whether a danger to public health exists in the community due to the possible disbursement of toxic chemicals from the plant. There is cause for serious concern that toxic chemicals escaped the plant while the fires there were put out. Also, given the owner's failure to adequately secure the building, there is valid concern that the toxic chemicals at the plant were not contained there.

A complete investigation is necessary in order to complement the clean-up efforts your agency has undertaken. I offer to you my complete cooperation in assisting with the investigation, including offering bilingual interpreters to your staff.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request and for your concern for the safety of my community.

Yours truly,

C. WMD
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